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**Via Email**

Re: Supporting Documentation – Bathurst Caribou Herd Joint Management Proposal

On December 15, 2015, the Tłįchǫ Government (TG) and Department of Environment & Natural Resources (ENR), Government of Northwest Territories submitted the “Joint Proposal on Caribou Management Actions for the Bathurst Herd: 2016-2019” to the Wek’éezhìı Renewable Resources Board (WRRB) outlining proposed management actions for the Bathurst Caribou Herd in Wek’éezhìı. The Board opened the 2016 Bathurst Caribou Herd Proceeding on January 18, 2016.

As per Section 12.3.11 of the Tłįchǫ Agreement, the WRRB is required to establish and maintain a public file for information received in order to make its determinations and recommendations. On January 18, 2016, the WRRB’s online public registry was opened for the 2016 Bathurst Caribou Herd Proceeding: [http://www.wrrb.ca/public-information/public-registry](http://www.wrrb.ca/public-information/public-registry).

In order to ensure that all Parties to the 2016 Bathurst Caribou Herd Proceeding have relevant documentation available on the Public Registry for referencing, a list of supporting documentation is attached for review. **The WRRB requests that all Parties review the attached list and consent to posting on the Public Registry by no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 5, 2016.** If no response is received, the Board will consider the list acceptable by the Parties. Posting will occur on February 8, 2016. The WRRB may post additional documentation to the Public Registry up to and including February 17, 2016.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (867) 873-5740 or jpellissey@wrrb.ca.

Sincerely,

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Interim Chair

Attachment

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Bathurst Joint Management Proposal and IR Round No. 1 Response references:


ENR. 2014. Technical rationale to increase the number of satellite collars on the Bathurst caribou herd. Environment and Renewable Resources, Government of Northwest Territories, Yellowknife, NWT, Canada.


Frame and Cluff 2011 – note: cited in body under IR#15, full reference not provided.


Additional journal articles:


Fraser, R.H., T.C. Lantz, L. Olthof, S.V. Kokelj, and R.A. Sims. 2014. Warming-induced shrub expansion and lichen decline in the Western Canadian Arctic. Ecosystems 17(7): 1151-1168.


Additional reports:

Advisory Committee for Cooperation on Wildlife Management. 2014. We have been Living with the Caribou all our Lives: a report on information recorded during community meetings for ‘Taking Care of Caribou – the Cape Bathurst, Bluenose-West, and Bluenose-East Barren-ground Caribou Herds Management Plan’. Yellowknife, NT.


Simmons, D. 2007. Fort Good Hope-Déliine barren-ground caribou traditional knowledge study year –end report. 9 pages.


Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board – related documents:

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Undertaking #3 part 2 Demonstration Project on Cumulative Effects. Authors, Nishi and Gunn http://reviewboard.ca/upload/project_document/EIR0607-001_Undertaking__3_part_2_-_GNWT_cumulative_effects_demonstration.PDF


Closing Statement GNWT: http://reviewboard.ca/upload/project_document/EIR0607-001_GNWT_Closing_Statement.PDF


Jay Project


GNWT closing submission: http://www.reviewboard.ca/upload/project_document/EA1314-01_GNWT_Closing_submission.PDF


Letters:


ENR to TG to WRRB. November 10, 2015. Extension for Submission of Joint Management Proposals for the Bathurst and Bluenose-East Caribou Herds to the WRRB.

ENR and TG to WRRB. October 15, 2015. Request for Extension – Submission of Joint Management Proposals for the Bathurst and Bluenose-East Caribou Herds to the WRRB.


